

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Easter / Earth Day Sunday

April 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God our source of life, gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own creation. Mold us by the breath of your Spirit. Reveal to us your will and your truth, that together with all of creation we may glorify your name. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Ellen Mitchell, Piano

Dykes / arr. Bober

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based upon *Psalms 145*)

I will speak about you, Creator, and about your beloved Creation.

We bless your name and work forever and ever.

Great is the Living God, greatness unsearchable, and greatly to be praised;

One generation shall declare your works to another.

One generation shall declare the glorious splendor of your majesty.

One generation shall declare the might of your awesome deeds.

One generation shall celebrate your abundant goodness,

So that each generation will live and thrive, so that every generation will live and thrive.

Let all that live and breathe, worship and praise the Lord!

*HYMN (GTG) 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all Creation, as the spring blossoms testify to your love, we come before you confessing that we have not loved you or your world as we should. We have participated in systems which are exploitative and violent, and which separate humanity from the rest of Creation. We have ignored the cries of both our fellow humans and the cries of all Creation. We have been greedy, selfish, and shortsighted. Forgive us, merciful God. As you began a new creation in the risen Christ, may it now so take root in our hearts that our greatest desire will be to make it flourish, and to bless all creatures great and small in your name. (*A time for silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Listen to these hymns at your convenience.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“This Is My Father’s World”
Ellen Mitchell, Voice

Sheppard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5, 20-31; OT Page 1

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 104:1a, 10-30, 35cd; OT Page 554

SERMON

“Where the Sixth Day
and the 11th Hour Meet”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

*HYMN (GTG) 22

“God of the Sparrow”

(*Roeder*)

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Brief Statement of Faith* 1991; ¶10.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Mary Ellen Street

Prayer institution of the week: First Presbyterian Church (Annapolis, MD)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN (GTG) 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

(*Royal Oak*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Suzann Barthold, Organ

English Melody

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Joyce Beall (410-451-6731) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*

